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SUBJECT: BOSNIA SUPPORTS BALANCED UN APPROACH TO LEBANON
CONFLICT

REF: A. STATE 178061 B. STATE 176793

On October 25, Embassy delivered Ref. A and B demarches to Foreign Ministry Assistant Minister for Multilateral Affairs Hadzimusic. Hadzimusic noted that Bosnia was no longer a member of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), and currently held observer status. He said that as an affiliate member of the Organization of Islamic Communities (OIC), a NAM observer, and an EU aspirant, Bosnia sometimes felt squeezed between their conflicting policies. He acknowledged that maintaining a balanced approach to the Israel-Lebanon conflict was important for the UN's credibility as a neutral mediator, and said Bosnia would likely abstain from voting in favor of extending the mandate of the three UN institutions mentioned in Ref. A, as well as on the NAM-sponsored resolution in Ref. [1B](#).
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